

John L. Harris to be postmaster at Bethel Springs, Tenn., in place of G. W. Bosham. Incumbent's commission expired September 5, 1923.

Beecher D. Phillips to be postmaster at Algood, Tenn., in place of R. C. Boatman. Incumbent's commission expired May 10, 1922.

#### TEXAS.

Robert H. Fenton to be postmaster at Denton, Tex., in place of A. L. Banks. Incumbent's commission expired July 28, 1923.

#### WASHINGTON.

Andrew H. Byram to be postmaster at Millwood, Wash. Office became presidential April 1, 1923.

Tillman E. Kamerer to be postmaster at Hanford, Wash., in place of M. W. Gross, removed.

Allison C. Presson to be postmaster at Buena, Wash., in place of P. E. Wise, resigned.

James C. Blevins to be postmaster at Naches, Wash., in place of W. E. Palmer. Incumbent's commission expired August 29, 1923.

Julius C. Raaberg to be postmaster at Clarkston, Wash., in place of S. J. Craig. Incumbent's commission expired August 29, 1923.

#### WEST VIRGINIA.

George McDonald to be postmaster at Parkersburg, W. Va., in place of K. E. Ruttenutter, resigned.

Earl Pepper to be postmaster at Morgantown, W. Va., in place of T. E. Hodges, deceased.

Isaac C. Staats to be postmaster at Ripley, W. Va., in place of J. K. Kerwood. Incumbent's commission expired November 21, 1922.

James S. Phipps to be postmaster at Fayetteville, W. Va., in place of A. J. Duncan. Incumbent's commission expired August 5, 1923.

John M. Garrett to be postmaster at Dunbar, W. Va., in place of J. B. Ballard. Incumbent's commission expired August 5, 1923.

#### WISCONSIN.

William A. Devine to be postmaster at Madison, Wis., in place of W. A. Devine. Incumbent's commission expired August 29, 1923.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, December 15, 1923.

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Again gracious heavenly Father, in the dispensation of Thy providence, we have seen the birth of a new day; we thank Thee. Be Thou unto us the wisdom that makes error difficult; the light that makes the darkness fade away, and the bread of heaven that quickens the best impulses of our souls. Consider us O Lord and bless the bonds of fraternity, the ties of friendship, and the affections of our homes. May no failures, no regrets, no afflictions, and no sin follow in the wake of this day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

#### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE.

Mr. HUDDLESTON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for a moment yesterday and did not get here until the House had adjourned. I now ask unanimous consent that on Monday, after the completion of the order of business, I may have 25 minutes in which to discuss cooperation between the farmers and the industrial workers of the country.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Alabama asks unanimous consent that on Monday, after the completion of the order of business, he may be allowed to address the House for 25 minutes on the relations between the farmers and the industrial workers of the country. Is there objection?

Mr. LONGWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I did not hear the gentleman from Alabama. Did he ask permission to address the House after the completion of the order of business? The only reason I ask is that I think the House should proceed to organize as soon as possible.

Mr. HUDDLESTON. I had not intended to interfere with anything of that kind.

Mr. BLANTON. Reserving the right to object, I have no objection to the gentleman using that time, but it is necessary

sometimes that such remarks be answered from the floor, and in that connection I ask that I be granted 10 minutes in which to reply to the gentleman's speech in case I desire to do so.

Mr. HUDDLESTON. I am not willing to couple my request with that of the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. BLANTON. I am not asking that the gentleman from Alabama couple his request with the request I have made. I shall not object.

Mr. JOHNSON of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I object to both requests.

The SPEAKER. Objection is made.

Mr. STEVENSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to have 10 minutes on Monday, immediately following Mr. HUDDLESTON's remarks, in which to discuss briefly, of course, the attitude of the coal operators toward the public and toward the Congress.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

Mr. JOHNSON of Washington. Mr. Speaker, having objected to the two previous requests, I feel that until the House is organized I shall have to object.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, I think the House should allow the gentleman to have the time requested, and I hope the gentleman from Washington will withdraw his objection.

Mr. BLANTON. Mr. Speaker, we have granted the gentleman's side two hours' time, and it seems to me it comes with poor grace for my friend from Washington to object, especially in view of the fact that we have already granted them two hours' time and they have not yet organized.

Mr. JOHNSON of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I hear that the House is likely to be fully organized by Monday, and therefore I withdraw all objections.

Mr. HOWARD of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I do not know what it is all about, but I would like to have unanimous consent to address the House for one minute on the question when it comes up.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. HOWARD] wait until after the other requests are considered?

The gentleman from Alabama [Mr. HUDDLESTON] asks unanimous consent to address the House for 25 minutes at the conclusion of the routine business on Monday. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

The gentleman from Texas [Mr. BLANTON] asks unanimous consent that following the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. HUDDLESTON] he may have 10 minutes in which to address the House. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

The gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. STEVENSON] asks unanimous consent that immediately following the gentleman from Texas [Mr. BLANTON] he may have 10 minutes in which to address the House. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. LONGWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until Monday, December 17, 1923, at 12 o'clock noon.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

186. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of the Navy submitting an estimate of appropriation in the sum of \$40,149.04 to pay claims which he has adjusted and which require an appropriation for their payment (H. Doc. No. 115); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

187. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting annual report of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers made by the Inspector General's Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

188. A letter from the Director of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, transmitting a draft of legislation relating to the vocational rehabilitation of the disabled civilian; to the Committee on Education.

189. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting report covering publications issued by the War Department during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923; to the Committee on Printing.

## PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BLACK of Texas: A bill (H. R. 3840) to extend the same rates of postage to semiweekly newspapers at city letter-carrier offices in county of publication as is now charged to weekly newspapers for such service; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. FULMER: A bill (H. R. 3841) to provide for a monthly maintenance allowance for all rural carriers on either horse-drawn or motor routes in the Postal Service; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. GOLDSBOROUGH: A bill (H. R. 3842) to provide for terms of the United States circuit and district courts at Denton, Md.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HASTINGS: A bill (H. R. 3843) to reimburse certain Eastern Cherokees who removed to the Cherokee Nation under the terms of the eighth article of the treaty of December 29, 1835; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HILL of Maryland: A bill (H. R. 3844) providing for admission into the United States of certain specified relatives of American citizens; to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

By Mr. MORTON D. HULL: A bill (H. R. 3845) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Calumet River at Riverdale, Ill.; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. LYON: A bill (H. R. 3846) to provide for the establishment of a national military park at the site of Fort Fisher, in the State of North Carolina; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. MILLER of Washington: A bill (H. R. 3847) granting a certain right of way with authority to improve the same across the old canal right of way between Lakes Union and Washington, Kings County, Wash.; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. PEAVEY: A bill (H. R. 3848) to amend paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of section 800 of the revenue act of 1921, so as to repeal the admission tax where the amount paid for admission is 50 cents or less; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROUSE: A bill (H. R. 3849) for the reduction of postage on first-class mail matter; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. TIMBERLAKE: A bill (H. R. 3850) granting promotions to retired Army officers disabled in line of duty; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. WATRES: A bill (H. R. 3851) to amend section 408 of the war risk insurance act; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. WEAVER: A bill (H. R. 3852) providing for the final disposition of the affairs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DUPRÉ: A bill (H. R. 3853) making appropriations for the construction and equipment of a lighthouse depot for the eighth lighthouse district at New Orleans, La., or vicinity; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. FOSTER: A bill (H. R. 3854) for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Nelsonville, Ohio; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3855) for the erection of a public building at Jackson, Ohio; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3856) for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Pomeroy, Ohio; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. LANGLEY: A bill (H. R. 3857) to provide a site for the erection of a building for the National Conservatory of Music of America; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. LEE of Georgia: A bill (H. R. 3858) authorizing the erection of a post-office building at Rossville, Ga.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3859) authorizing purchase of a site and erection of a post-office building at Calhoun, Ga.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. LYON: A bill (H. R. 3860) for the erection of a Federal building at Lumberton, N. C.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. MILLER of Washington: A bill (H. R. 3861) to enlarge and extend the present United States courthouse, custom-house, and post-office building at Seattle, Wash.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. THOMPSON: A bill (H. R. 3862) for the erection of a Federal building at Napoleon, Ohio; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. TILSON: A bill (H. R. 3863) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Milford, in the State of Connecticut; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. WEAVER: A bill (H. R. 3864) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Asheville, N. C.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3865) for the purchase of a site and the erection of a post office at Canton, N. C.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. LEHLBACH: A bill (H. R. 3866) to increase the limit of cost of the United States post office at Montclair, N. J.; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. LOZIER: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 90) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 91) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives in Congress.

By Mr. FISH: Resolution (H. Res. 92) amending Rules X and XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. SMITH: Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, urging a change in the Constitution so as to prohibit the issuance of tax-exempt securities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, urging legislation providing for certain individuals who served in the Nez Perce Indian War; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, urging the construction of a north and south railroad in Idaho; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

## PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BARBOUR: A bill (H. R. 3867) granting a pension to James E. Adams; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. BLACK of Texas: A bill (H. R. 3868) granting a pension to Lester L. Coffee; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3869) for the relief of the Citizens National Bank, of Petty, Tex.; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. BUTLER: A bill (H. R. 3870) granting an increase of pension to Hiram Williams; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3871) granting a pension to Mary Bach; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CANFIELD: A bill (H. R. 3872) granting a pension to Henry Marsh; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. COOK: A bill (H. R. 3873) granting a pension to Nellie Quimby; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. FLEETWOOD: A bill (H. R. 3874) granting a pension to Anna E. Baker; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3875) granting a pension to Katie Jane Bapp; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3876) granting a pension to Adele M. King; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3877) granting a pension to Almira L. Boutelle; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3878) for the relief of Ray Ernest Smith; to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. FULLER: A bill (H. R. 3879) granting an increase of pension to Clara E. Manning; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HOWARD of Nebraska: A bill (H. R. 3880) conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment in the claims of the Omaha Tribe of Indians of Nebraska against the United States; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KIESS: A bill (H. R. 3881) for the relief of George P. Bailey; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3882) granting an increase of pension to Martin V. Stanton; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3883) granting a pension to Walter L. Hartman; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3884) granting a pension to Mary T. Schmidt; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. KNUTSON: A bill (H. R. 3885) granting a pension to Rollin P. Ham; to the Committee on Pensions.



Also, a bill (H. R. 3886) granting an increase of pension to Frances Rains Chatfield; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. LAZARO: A bill (H. R. 3887) for the relief of the legal representatives of the estate of Alphonse Desmare, deceased, and others; to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. LEAVITT: A bill (H. R. 3888) granting a pension to Sarah J. Harn; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. LINEBERGER: A bill (H. R. 3889) for the relief of George A. Berry; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3890) granting a pension to Sarah E. Young; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LONGWORTH: A bill (H. R. 3891) granting a pension to Charles M. Conaway; to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3892) for the relief of Frank H. Anderson; to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3893) granting an increase of pension to Anna M. Bonner; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MOORES of Indiana: A bill (H. R. 3894) to renew patent No. 55769; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. PARK of Georgia: A bill (H. R. 3895) for the relief of the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railway Co., a corporation; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. RAMSEYER: A bill (H. R. 3896) granting a pension to Nancy Blitz; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ROACH: A bill (H. R. 3897) granting a pension to Sarah Jane Silvey; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ROUSE: A bill (H. R. 3898) granting a pension to Oliver P. Krutz; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. TAYLOR of Tennessee: A bill (H. R. 3899) granting a pension to Mary Reynolds; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SNYDER: A bill (H. R. 3900) to cancel two allotments made to Richard Bell, deceased, embracing land within the Round Valley Indian Reservation in California; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. TAYLOR of West Virginia: A bill (H. R. 3901) granting a pension to Guy B. Pendleton; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. TINCHER: A bill (H. R. 3902) granting an increase of pension to Martha Williams; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WARD of New York: A bill (H. R. 3903) for the relief of various owners of vessels and cargoes damaged by the U. S. S. *Lamberton*; to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3904) granting a pension to Marilla Robertson Coleman; to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WEAVER: A bill (H. R. 3905) granting a pension to Samuel B. Pickens; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. TEMPLE: Resolution (H. Res. 93) providing for the payment to Cora E. Gray, widow of Samuel H. Gray, late official reporter of debates of the House of Representatives, a sum equal to one year's salary as official reporter of debates and \$250 as funeral expenses of said Samuel H. Gray; to the Committee on Accounts.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

232. By the SPEAKER (by request): Petition of Walter C. Boynton, 13-137 General Motors Building, Detroit, Mich., approving Secretary Mellon's tax-reduction plan; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

233. Also (by request), petition of citizens of Springfield, Mass., urging the abolishment of discriminatory tax on small-arms ammunition and firearms; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

234. By Mr. ABERNETHY: Petition of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina, relative to the reduction of Federal taxes and the manner in which they are collected; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

235. By Mr. BULWINKLE: Petition of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina, praying for a reduction in Federal taxes, and other matters; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

236. By Mr. FULLER: Petition of the General Motors Corporation, favoring repeal of all excise taxes on automobiles, trucks, repair parts, tires, and accessories; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

237. By Mr. FULMER: Petition of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Columbia, S. C., urging the repeal of taxes on telegraph messages and telephone tolls; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

238. By Mr. HOWARD of Nebraska: Petition of 57 citizens of Nebraska, opposing the drainage of the Winneshiek bottom

lands which lie along the upper Mississippi River bottom between Lynxville and De Soto, Wis.; to the Committee on Agriculture.

239. By Mr. KING: Petition of Ralph B. O'Neill and 700 other American citizens of the fifteenth congressional district of Illinois, petitioning Congress to take immediate steps to collect the \$10,000,000,000, both principal and interest, now owing to the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

240. By Mr. LEATHERWOOD: Petition of the Auxiliary No. 8, N. A. L. C., Salt Lake City, Utah, relative to a fair adjustment of salaries of postal employees; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

241. Also, petition of the Kiwanis Club, of Price, Utah, relative to the transportation act of 1920; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

242. Also, petition of the board of county commissioners of Carbon County, Utah, relative to the transportation act of 1920; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

243. By Mr. TEMPLE: Petition of Donora Woman's Club, of Donora, Pa., indorsing the Towner-Sterling bill; to the Committee on Education.

244. By Mr. YOUNG: Petition of the Bismarck, N. Dak., Association of Commerce, December 5, 1923, protesting against increase of rates on lignite coal proposed by railroads of the Northwest at a time when the State of North Dakota is suffering from economic want; to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

245. Also, petition of the Association of Post Office Clerks and Letter Carriers of Bismarck, N. Dak., urging minimum salary of \$2,000 for letter carriers and clerks and maximum salary of \$2,400; to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

246. Also, petition of the Chamber of Commerce, Jamestown, N. Dak., urging repeal of telephone and telegraph tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### SENATE.

Monday, December 17, 1923.

The Chaplain, Rev. J. J. Muir, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Our gracious and blessed God, we come into Thy presence this morning thanking Thee for all the mercies with which Thou dost crown our days. As we look to the duties awaiting this Chamber, we humbly beseech Thee for guidance and direction in the ways along Thine own thinking that Thy glory may be advanced and good be accomplished. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The reading clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday last, when, on request of Mr. CURTIS and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

#### PERRY'S VICTORY MEMORIAL COMMISSION.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, which was read, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on the Library:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the fourth annual report of Perry's Victory Memorial Commission, dated December 3, 1923, which was submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 5 of the act entitled "An act creating a commission for the maintenance, control, care, etc., of the Perry's Victory Memorial on Put in Bay Island, Lake Erie, Ohio, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1919 (40 Stat. 1322-1324).

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 17, 1923.

#### REPORT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL OF PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, which was read, and, with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 21 of the act of Congress approved August 29, 1916, entitled "An act to declare the purpose of the people of the United States as to the future political status of the people of the Philippine Islands, and to provide a more autonomous government for those islands," I transmit herewith, for the information of the Congress, the report of the Governor